THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is a well established procedure for making selections for the top posts in public sector undertakings. This normal procedure will be followed in selecting the next incumbent for the post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Coal India Ltd.

(c) It is essentially for the State Governments to tackle the criminal elements commonly referred to as mafia. However, managements of the coal companies closely coordinate action with the local State Government agencies to curb their activities. While the State Governments arrange for adequate policing of the coal mining areas, the companies have been advised to tighten their procedures for awarding contracts and to regulate the value of contract and also the number of contracts to any particular individual. They have also been advised to have the antecedents of the tenderers verified in consultation with the State Governments before awarding the contracts. Periodic transfers and rotation of personnel occupying sensitive positions, formation of credit societies to eliminate money-lenders and promotion of cooperatives of ex-servicemen for internal transporation work are other important steps that are being taken in this connection.

Recommendations of the Baijal Committee for industrialisation of backward areas

1288. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the Baijal Committee about industrialisation of backward areas and when they were received; and

(b) which of them have been accepted and which have been rejected along with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted to review and revise the existing Central incentive schemes for industrial development of backward areas, submitted its report on 24.12.86. The recommendations of the Committee are still under the consideration of the Government.

Resources generated by the public sector undertakings during the Seventh Plan period

1289. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected contribution of 'resources' for and during the Seventh Plan by the Central Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) how the yearwise targets and achievements in this regard compare as yet, and what are they estimated to be during the current year; and

(c) what are the names of the Central Public Undertakings which have failed as yet to achieve the targets of generating resources during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Central public sector undertakings were expected to contribute a sum of Rs.

23013 crores as net internal resources for and during the 7th Five Year Plan. In addition, they were also expected to generate a sum of Rs. 11490 crores towards additional resource mobilisation during the 7th Plan period.

(b) Overall targets of net internal resource generation by central public sector undertakings fixed for the first two years of the 7th Plan, viz., 1985-86 and 1986-87 were Rs. 3438.64 crores and Rs. 3785.57 crores respectively. As against this, as per the available information the actual (provisional) achievement during these years was of the order of Rs. 3185.32 crores and Rs. 3790.51 crores respectively. During the years 1987-88 and 1988-89, the contribution of internal resources expected from Central public sector undertakings is Rs. 3956.01 crores and Rs. 5480.96 crores respectively.

(c) As the information relating to actual achievement of generation of net internal resources during the 7th Plan period is not available from some of the public sector undertakings, the same is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone users clubs

1290. SHRI RAMSINGBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Telephone Users Clubs' have been formed recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the purpose of forming such clubs;

(d) what are the rules and regulations, policy and aims and objects of the said clubs; and

(e) what assistance and facilities in kind and cash are given to these clubs?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (e) Telephone clubs are to be formed in Delhi and Bombay to start with. These clubs will be formed at the Divisional Engineer's level and will have meetings once a month. The meetings will be organised in selected places like schools, colleges, public halls etc.

2. The objectives of the scheme are:

(1) to achieve better understanding between staff and telephone users;

(2) to understand customers' needs such as PCO, Telex PCO, Telecom. Bureau etc. better;

(3) to get cooperation from residents for faster completion of cable construction works;

(4) to develop better understanding with the users regarding correct usage of telecom services.

3. The scheme will be totally voluntary and no assistance/facilities in kind or cash would be extended to these clubs.

Payment of TA to the Telephone Advisory Committee Members

1291. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the reasons for not paying travelling allowance to the Members of Parliament of attending the meetings of Telephone Advisory Committees?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Travelling allowance for attending the meeting of the Telephone Advisory Committees is paid